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OUTLINES.

General Passenger Agent T. J. Anderson will leave the S. A. L. January 1st; L. S. Allen will succeed Mr. Anderson. —— No change in plans as to mustering out troops will be made as a result of the threatening situation in the Philippines. —— The funeral of the late Senator Morrill will be held Saturday in the Senate chamber at Washington, D. C. —— The consecration of Rev. J. M. Horner as Bishop, at Asheville, N. C., took place yesterday. —— Insurgents have captured the town of Iloilo and hoisted Aguinaldo's flag; it is presumed Gen. Otis will demand surrender of the place to the U. S. forces. —— Cashier of the Colebrook, N. H., National Bank arrested for misappropriating funds amounting to $60,000. —— Rev. Wm. A. Kelly, in charge of a Methodist church, of Sumter, S. C., is missing. —— It is proposed to pay Cuban troops, with money advanced by the U. S. government, for services in the war against Spain. —— The C. F. & Y. V. railroad sale will take place to-day at Fayetteville; indications are that there will be lively competition. —— Walter M. Clark, a Missouri cattle dealer, failed with indebtedness over $200,000. —— Twelve persons seriously injured in a railroad accident near Trinidad, Col. —— New York markets: Money on call firmer at 2½@6 per cent., the last loan being at 2½ per ct.; cotton steady; middling uplands 5¾c; flour fairly active with spring patents held higher; wheat —spot easy; No. 2 red 80½c; corn—spot quiet; No. 2 45½@45¾c; rosin steady; spirits turpentine firm at 45@45½c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 28.

Temperature: 8 A.M., 42 deg.; 8 P.M., 44 deg.; maximum, 54 deg.; minimum, 42 deg.; mean, 48 deg.

Rainfall for the day, .0; rainfall since 1st of the month up to date, 2.38.

Stage of water in the river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M., 5.8 feet.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, December 28.—Forecast for Thursday—North Carolina—increasing cloudiness; warmer; light southerly winds.

Port Almanac---Dec. 29.

Sun Rises	7.10 A. M.
Sun Sets	4.54 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H. 44 M.
High Water at Southport	8.40 A. M.
High Water, Wilmington	11.10 A. M.

It is estimated that 80,000 lives are annually saved in London by the filtering and purifying of the water used for drinking.

A paving brick trust is now in process of formation, with $12,000,000 capital. But it ought to be laid out and tramped upon.

If the verb to Hobsonize had been adopted as suggested some time ago, a fellow couldn't tell now whether it meant to sink a boat or smack a girl.

An exchange remarks that Uncle Sam is not "hunting for alliances." Perhaps not, but the alliances will be hunting for him by and by, and they will find him, too.

Admiral Sampson says the wealthiest and most influential people in Cuba desire annexation. Later on it will be discovered that the wealthiest and most influential people are in the majority.

There are said to be 100,000 cases of grip in New York City, and it has got them good, although the fatal cases are very few. It is attributed to the late snow storms and the sloppy, filthy condition of the city for some time afterwards.

The New Orleans *Times-Democrat* is the journalistic Santa Claus of that city. It has an annual distribution of dolls among the little folk. This year it was a greater success than ever, and the paper seems to be as happy over it as the little chaps doubtless were.

It is figured out by some one who has spare time and fancy for figuring that the armies and navies of Europe cost $50 a second, which looks like making money fly. This is on a peace footing. If they were popping away at each other the cost would be considerably larger.

Much ado is made over "the flag." Respect for the flag is a good and praiseworthy thing, but then after all it isn't so much the flag as what the flag represents. Some of the men who now profess devotion to the flag once and not so very long ago denounced it as a "flaunting lie."

We are under obligations to Mr. A. B. Shepperson, of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange, for a copy of his valuable annual entitled "Cotton Facts" which is a comprehensive and reliable statement of the cotton movement, filled with valuable tables and statistics that the person interested in the cotton business will find convenient for reference and very useful.

Fou Chang Mai, a masculine Chinaman who impersonates female characters on the stage, went behind the scenes in a New York theatre and was surprised to find that the ballet girls were sure enough girls, and not put up jobs. When Fou Chang has spent some more time in this country he may discover that they couldn't put up any disguised frauds *a la* the Chinaman, on the front seat man.

It is very well that this Government has called a halt on the concession-seekers in Cuba, who are coming down "like a wolf on the fold." If this thing hadn't been stopped the probabilities are that the Cubans would in a short while have little left that the concession-receivers didn't have a clutch on.

No Kansas man will have a decent excuse for carrying an overstock of hair, since the barbers out there have reduced the mowing price to five cents,

The Cuban junta in New York has been disolved. Juntas are generally more ornamental than useful. Disolving it saves expenses.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

C. W. Yates—New Year presents.
J. H. Rehder & Co.—Toys at cost.
Mercer & Evans—If feet could speak

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Henry R. Savage—Wood.

LOCAL DOTS.

— Justice McGowan docketed only one case yesterday—a submission for a petty offence.

— Cotton remained unchanged yesterday at 5⅝ cents for middling. The receipts were 1,104 bales; same day last year 764 bales.

— To-night at 7.30 o'clock the First Baptist church Sunday school will give their annual Christmas entertainment. Features of the event will be a Christmas tree and Christmas carol's.

— Spirits turpentine was quoted yesterday firm at 42 and 42½ cents, an advance of one-half cent over previous quotations. The receipts were 65 casks, against 50 casks received same day last year.

— The British steamship *Atlantic*, Capt. Inwood, arrived from Swansea, Wales, via Halifax, yesterday. She has a net tonnage of 1613 tons and is consigned to Messrs. Alex. Sprunt & Sons.

Heptasoph's Elect Officers.

At a regular meeting of Jewell Conclave No. 3., Heptasophs or the Seven Wise Men. held last night, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term:

W. C.—J. S. Sneeden.
E. A.—Chas. W. Suggs.
W. P.—E. R. Ellis.
I. G.—R. F. Gore.
Prelate—J. J. Jackson.
Treasurer—Godfrey Hart.
Herald—Alonzo Roe.
Warden—A. W. Branch.
Sentinel—C. L. Brokenhagan.
Trustees—R. F. Gore, J. J. Jackson, E. R. Ellis.

Board of Audit and Finance.

A special meeting of the City Board of Audit and Finance was held last night at 8 o'clock in pursuance to a call by the chairman. Members present were Chairman H. C. McQueen, and Messrs. C. W. Yates and Jesse Wilder. Many matters pertaining to the finances of the city were informally discussed, and the only business disposed of was the burning of 717 coupons, amounting to $14,240, which had been paid.

The Mayor's Court.

Very few cases engaged the Mayor's attention yesterday morning.

Thos. Wright, colored, for fast driving, was dismissed, it appearing that he did not intend any violation of the city ordinances. J. A. McLaughlin, for being drunk and down on the streets, was fined $5 and costs. Peter Williams, colored, for drunkenness, disorderly conduct and an assault, was given thirty days' work on the streets for his offences.

Will Convene January 3rd.

In another column Mr. W. R. French, clerk of the Criminal Court, gives notice that inasmuch as January 2nd will be observed as a holiday, the term of the circuit Criminal Court which is announced to convene on that day by Judge Dossey Battle, will not convene until the day following, January 3rd, at 10 o'clock A. M. He notifies jurors, witnesses and defendants to take notice of the change and govern themselves accordingly.

A Special Session To-day.

Mayor Waddell has called a special session of the Board of Aldermen, to meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Among other matters to be considered, are applications for renewal of liquor licenses, which are to be signed by six bona fide freeholders of the precinct in which the business is to be conducted, will be taken up and disposed of, as the final limit to which the matter can be deferred ends January 1st.

Turner's North Carolina Almanacs for 1899, for sale by Robt. R. Bellamy. †

A BIG BANQUET IN LAURINBURG.

Will Be Complimentary to Democratic Officials—Leading Orators of State to Respond to Toasts.

The Democrats of Richmond county, especially those of Laurinburg, are making elaborate preparations for a great banquet to be given Friday, December 30th, at 8 o'clock, in Field's Hall, Laurinburg.

The event is to be complimentary to Cameron Morrison, county chairman; Hon. Jno. D. Bellamy, Congressman; Thos. J. Jerome and Charles Stanback, Senators; Henry Clay Wall and Hector McLean, Representatives; W. L. Everett, Clerk of Superior Court; Thos. S. Wright, sheriff; Henry D. Gibson, Register of Deeds; Daniel Gay, coroner, and the county commissioners.

Mr. Walter L. Parsons will be toast master, and toasts are to be responded to as follows, to-wit:

Hon F. M. Simmons, "Our Glorious Victory."
Hon. Robt. B. Glenn, "Democracy is Immortal."
Hon. Chas. B. Aycock, "How Can We Keep the White People United?"
Hon. Armistead Jones, "The Value of Organization."
Hon. Jno. D. Bellamy, "How We Won Our Victory."
Mr. Robt. M. Furman, "Our Newspapers in the Campaign."
Mr. Josephus Daniels, "Democrats Will Redeem Their Pledges."
Hon. Jas. T. LeGrand, "The Campaign of 1900."
Hon. Thos. J. Jerome, "Our Legislature."
Hon. Stephen McIntyre, "The Red Shirts of Richmond."
Hon. Jos. A. Brown, "The State Has Been Redeemed."
Mr. Cameron Morrison, "White Supremacy."
Hon. Henry Clay Wall, "Our South Carolina Neighbors."
Maj. George Hall, "Why We Rejoice."
Thos. S. Wright, "He Is Our New Democratic Sheriff."

The STAR acknowledges the receipt of an invitation to share the pleasures of the occasion.

C. F. & Y. V. RAILROAD SALE.

To Take Place To-day at Fayetteville. Lively Competition Expected Between Various Interests.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BALTIMORE, December 28.—William H. Blackford, chairman of the Baltimore Re-organization Committee of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad Company, has gone to Fayetteville, N. C., to attend the sale of that property. The road will be sold under foreclosure to-morrow and the indications are that there will be lively competition between the Seaboard Air Line, the Southern Railway Company and the Atlantic Coast Line interests for it.

The C. F. & Y. V. traverses a rich section of the South and would be a valuable feeder for any of these systems. If the Baltimore company bids it in, the property will be leased to the Seaboard Air Line, an agreement to that effect already having been signed. If the New York bondholders secure the road, either the Southern Railway Company or the Atlantic Coast Line will operate it.

EXCELLENT CROP OF OYSTERS.

Dr. E. Porter Reports Those On New River Very Fine.

Dr. E. Porter, of Rocky Point, was in the city yesterday. He has been down in Onslow county on business connected with the extensive oyster interests of the Eastern Carolina Piscatorial Association, of which he is president, and principal stockholder, on New River, near Bay View, the most extensive oyster grounds in North Carolina. They cultivate two farms of more than 2,000 acres. In speaking of the oysters this season Dr. Porter said that they are as fine as he has ever seen. However, none have been marketed yet this season from the Association's farms. He will begin to market them early in the new year when he can ship them successfully to large dealers North.

American Legion of Honor.

At a regular meeting of Clarendon Council No. 67, held last night, the following were elected to serve during the ensuing year:

Commander—F. E. Hashagen.
Vice Commander—Vance Norwood.
Orator—W. W. Harriss.
Secretary—J. C. Morrison.
Collector—J. Weil.
Treasurer—J. L. Greenewald.
Chaplain—N. Jacobi.
Guide—John Dyer.
Warden—A. D. Wessell.
Sentry—C. H. Ward.
Trustees—N. Jacobi, Roger Moore, A. D. Wessell.

During the past year this Council has paid $5,000 in death benefits, and has as a reserve fund, guaranteed for the prompt payment of death losses, over half a million dollars. The order is in a flourishing condition and its members are elated that it is in the front rank.

Dr. Moses D. Hoge, D. D.

Richmond *Dispatch*, December 28: "Rev. Dr. Moses D. Hoge is growing weaker each day. He is unconscious most of the time now, and Dr. McGuire thinks it but a question of a few days ere his useful career will be brought to a close. His heart is involved, and he may go off at any hour, but he has wonderful vitality."

MR. KENNETH MURCHISON, JR.

Accorded Especial Praise for Participance in a Brilliant Amateur Performance in Nouveau Theatre, Paris.

The New York *Herald* of Monday, the 26th inst., gives an extended account of a brilliant minstrel show by American students at Nouveau Theatre, in Paris, recently, in which Mr. Kenneth Murchison, Jr., son of Col. K. M. Murchison, and brother of Mrs. James Sprunt, of this city, a talented young man who numbers his friends in this city by the score, won especial laurels.

After commenting upon the many distinguished personages, United States, British and other ambassadors, and many recognized leaders of society in England, France and America, who were noticeable in the audience of more than a thousand people who filled the magnificent theatre, the *Herald* refers particularly to several of the most taking features of the programme. The following are the references made to the part Mr. Murchison took in the performance, to-wit:

"The quartet composed of Messrs. Hamlin, Lee, Murchison and Pope, sang "Old Love Letters" in a truely artistic style, which brought up memories of the Fiske Singers. Mr. Murchison sang "Keep Away From Emmeline" like a real "nigger," and as an encore gave "Why a Chicken Crosses the Road." This song brought down the house and another verse had to be given:—"Why does an old maid wear cotton gloves? Because she hasn't any kids." Again and again was the singer applauded, and every time a fresh stanza was the result, until the audience had to be satisfied with the reply, "I don't know any more." * * * Mr. Murchison as "Tambo" was a great success. He has had experience at Columbia College, New York. * * * In the olio Mr. Murchison was again on the stage as the "musical moke," and showed his versatility in performing on the banjo, oboe and violoncello.

WILL BE A BRILLIANT EVENT.

Cards Issued For the Springer-Gray Marriage in St. James Church January Eleventh.

Cards were issued yesterday announcing the marriage of Miss Clara Springer of this city to Mr. Andrew J. Gray, Jr., of Richmond, to be celebrated in St. James' Episcopal church January 11th. These read as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. John Carr Springer
request the honour of your
presence
at the marriage of their daughter,
Clara
to
Mr. Andrew Jackson Gray, Jr.,
on Wednesday January the
eleventh,
at five o'clock, at
Saint James Church,
Wilmington, North Carolina.

Miss Springer is a cultured and especially popular young lady, while the fortunate groom-elect is a highly esteemed and prosperous young business man of Richmond. The marriage will doubtless be one of the most brilliant that has occurred in Wilmington society for quite a while.

NEITHER TEAM WON.

Chesnut Streeters and O. U. D. Played a Tie Game of Foot Ball Yesterday.

The rival junior teams of the O. U. D. and Second Chesnut Streeters battled on the gridiron yesterday morning for foot ball honors, but neither team was able to carry off the laurels, as the score, after a well fought contest, stood 6 to 6

The game was called promptly at 10.30 o'clock, with the teams lined up as follows:

O. U. D.	Position.	Chesnut Streeters.
Orrell	l e	Galloway
Heyer	l t	Spence
Watters	l g	Morrill
Bailey	c	Frederick
Rheinstein	r g	Catlett
Bell	r t	Everett
Armstrong (c)	r e	Schulken
Smith	q b	Myers (c)
Davis, P	r h b	Peschau
Stevenson	l h b	Davis, C.
Storm	f b	Marshall

Umpire, Daggett; referee, Jewett; linesman, Humphrey; time keeper, Davis, H.

These teams will no doubt meet again very soon to play the tie off.

The star plays for the O. U. D. in the game yesterday were made by Armstrong, Stevenson and Davis P. The playing of Davis C. and Marshall for the Chesnut Streeters was also deserving of special mention.

Orion Lodge Elected Officers.

At a regular meeting of Orion Lodge No. 67, I. O. O. F., the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

N. G.—E. E. Elsworth.
V. G.—J. A. Orrell.
R. S.—L. Tate Bowden.
F. S.—J. E. Silvia.
Treasurer—H. O. Craig.
Trustees (W. & O.)—F. B. Rice, J. E. Silvia, P. T. Dicksey.
General Relief Committee—F. B. Rice.

These officers will be regularly installed at the next meeting of the Lodge, Wednesday night.

Prof. Catlett's Paper To-day.

The reading of a paper on "The Teaching of English in Our Academies," by Prof. Washington Catlett, of Cape Fear Academy, this city, will be a feature of the programme for the sessions of the Association of Academies, which convened last night in Raleigh. The paper will be read this morning at nine o'clock. Prof. J. W. Canada, of Chapel Hill, will also treat the same subject. The Association will adjourn to-night. Prof. Catlett went to Raleigh yesterday.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. F. L. Huggins left yesterday on an extended business trip.

— Dr. McNatt, of Maxton, was registered at The Orton yesterday.

— Mr. W. C. Hull, of Charlotte, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

— Mr. Walter S. MacRae, of Fayetteville, was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. J. W. Carter, of Maxton, was registered at The Orton yesterday.

— Mr. J. D. Foy, of Scott's Hill, was in the city yesterday on a business visit.

— Miss Emma Morton returned yesterday from a visit to her brother at Chadbourn.

— Mr. W. S. Patrick, of Clinton N. C., was among the after holiday visitors to the city yesterday.

— Mr. W. H. Tankard, of Mt. Olive, is in the city on a visit combined with pleasure and business.

— Mr. J. T. John Jr., of John's Station, arrived in the city yesterday and is registered at The Orton.

— Mr. E. Lilly, who has been buying cotton at Maxton for the past season, is at home for the holidays.

— Mr. Robt. D Cronly, of the Atlantic Coast Line, left last night for a brief business trip to New York.

— Mr. J. C. Scarborough, of Charlotte, representing the Standard Oil Company, is in the city on business.

— Mr. Harold Child returned yesterday from Norfolk, where he spent the Christmas holidays with friends.

— Lumberton *Robesonian*: Miss Mittie Harriss, of Wilmington, is spending a few days here with her sister, Mrs. W. S. Norment.

— Fayetteville *Observer*: "Mr. C.L. Taylor has accepted a position as book keeper for the Carolina Cooperage Company of Wilmington."

— Mr. W. J. Davis, Senator-elect from this senatorial district, was in the city yesterday and favored the STAR office with a very pleasant call.

MARRIAGE LAST NIGHT.

Miss Huhn Wedded to Mr. Delano at the Chapel of The Good Shepherd.

A marriage was quite prettily celebrated last night at 8 o'clock in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd. It was that of Miss Nellie Huhn to Mr. Geo. E. Delano, both esteemed young people of this city. Rev. R. W. Windley, rector of the Chapel of the Good Shepherd, and Rev. Robt. Strange, D. D., rector of St. James' Episcopal Church, were the officiating ministers.

The chapel was beautifully decorated with evergreen, and potted plants, and there was a large company of admiring friends in attendance to witness the ceremony.

Miss Lizzie Huhn, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Mr. P. G. White best man. Messrs. John E. Huhn, Ellis E. Fulcher, D. D. Barber and J. S. Lane ushers. Masters Tom Williams and Herbert Huhn served admirably as ribbon boys.

The bride was handsomely attired in a brown cloth costume, trimmed in white chiffon. She carried a bouquet of flowers.

The costume of the maid of honor was brown cashmere, with black braid trimmings. She also carried appropriate flowers.

After the ceremony the bridal party repaired to the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Huhn, on South Fourth street, where an enjoyable reception was tendered.

Mr. and Mrs. Delano are at home at No. 507 South Front street, where on next Monday night they will hold a reception in honor of Mrs. Delano's brother, Mr. Jno. E. Huhn, who is at home from the University of North Carolina to spend the holidays.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

W. & W. Railroad—99 bales cotton, 44 casks spirits turpentine, 97 barrels rosin.

W., C. & A. Railroad—1,002 bales cotton, 5 casks spirits turpentine, 25 barrels rosin, 66 barrels tar, 17 barrels crude turpentine.

Carolina Central Railroad—1 bale cotton, 7 casks spirits turpentine, 132 barrels rosin, 49 barrels tar.

C. F. & Y. V. Railroad—2 bales cotton, 9 casks spirits turpentine, 80 barrels rosin, 56 barrels tar.

Total—Cotton, 1,104 bales; spirits turpentine, 65 casks, rosin, 334 barrels; tar, 171 barrels; crude turpentine, 17 barrels.

Death of Miss Struthers.

The STAR announces with regret the death of Miss Agnes May, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Struthers, which occurred yesterday morning at 10.30 o'clock at the home of her parents in Chadbourn, N. C. The deceased was twenty years of age, and the announcement of her death will be received with regret by many admiring friends. The funeral services will be conducted this morning from the residence of her parents at Chadbourn.

Changes in Fire Department.

Mr. J. R. Hardy, who has hitherto been with Hose Reel Company No. 3, has been assigned by Chief Schnibben to duty as fireman with Engine Company No. 1, under Capt. Russell. Mr. Ed. O. Allen, of the Hook and Ladder Company, succeeds Mr. Hardy at Hose Reel No. 3, and Mr. Allen, in turn, has been succeeded by Mr. James Wenburg, vice Mr. Cleton, resigned.

L'AGILE COTILLON CLUB'S BRILLIANT GERMAN

Was an Auspicious Inaugural For the Christmas Dances of the Season. Many Dancers.

The series of germans which are to distinguish this Christmas season were brilliantly inaugurated last night in Germania Hall by L'Agile Cotillon Club.

The attendance was unusually large and representative of Wilmington society. There were also quite a number of young ladies from other cities, of whom there are many spending the holidays in this city. Besides the company of dancers, there were during the greater portion of the evening very many spectators, who came and went at will. The music was by the Italian band from Washington, which will be here until Wednesday of next week.

The following ladies and gentlemen were the dancers:

Miss Trenholm, of New York, with Mr. Clayton Giles; Miss Rawles, of Reidsville, with Mr. James Black; Miss Hawkins, of Tarboro, with Mr. James Cotchett; Miss Florence Pannill, of Reidsville, with Mr. C. F. Green; Miss Hawley, of Fayetteville, with Mr. George James; Miss Rosa Bailey, of Winston, with Mr. E. A. Metts; Miss Baker, of Charleston, with Mr. Jno. Peschau; Miss Bryan, of Tarboro, with Mr. H. J. McMillan, Jr.; Miss Mary Jenning Bellamy, with Mr. Nash DeRosset; Miss Lola Martin, with Mr. William J. Bellamy, of New York: Miss Kate Harriss, with Mr. Neil Emerson; Miss Lewis, with Mr. S. M. Boatwright; Miss Octavia Boatwright, with Mr. James Cowan; Miss Jennie Peck, with Mr. J. M. Stevenson, Jr.; Miss Olive Armstrong, with Mr. Walter Daggett; Miss Anna Peck, with Mr. C. McD. Davis; Miss Mary Calder, with Mr. M. C. Elliott; Miss Katherine Maffitt with Mr. Henry McFarland; Miss Lucy Latham, with Mr. Robt. Nash; Miss Talulah DeRosset, with Mr. R. G. Rankin, Jr.; Miss Della Clark, with Mr. H. D. Southerland; Miss Augusta Wiggins, with Mr. O. A. Wiggins, Jr.; Miss Emma West, with Mr. W. Crow; Miss Lucil Murchison, with Mr. Pride Thomas; Miss Mary Borden, with Mr. Alderman Elliott; Miss Bessie Gibson, with Mr. Christian; Miss Louise Bunting, with Mr. J. Hill Bunting. Mr. A. A. Belden was in attendance as a stag.

RALEIGH'S NEWS BUDGET.

Capt. W. H. Day Appointed Superintendent of the Penitentiary—Other Appointments.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 28.

J. M. Mewborne has resigned as superintendent of the State farms and Governor Russell has offered the place to Captain W. H. Day. It is said Capt. Day will accept. He has asked Mr. J. R. Tillery to take the management of the State farms.

The thirteenth annual session of city school superintendents was held last night. Superintendents from Raleigh, Charlotte, Winston, Greensboro, High Point and Salisbury, Statesville and Goldsboro were present.

The North Carolina Association of Academics will meet here to-night. The session will be opened with an address by the president, Prof. J. Allen Holt.

The supervisors of public schools held a session here last evening. They were addressed by Superintendent of Public Instruction Mebane. The attendance was fairly good.

The Republicans here are greatly puzzled at Russell's appointing Capt. Day superintendent of the State prison. Some of them charge that it is done to save his brother, Tom Russell, who is warden at the State prison.

Preparations are being made for the hanging of Jim Baker, colored, here, January 17th.

Some apprehension was felt last night lest the Johnston county men should come here and attempt to take Tom Smith from jail.

The new Board of County Commissioners have two experts examining the last county treasurer's books.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

Capt. Day will accept the superintendency of the State prison.

F. B. Arendell has been offered the warden's place, now held by Thomas Russell.

Three negroes were arrested here to-day for larceny of hogs from the State prison hog-pen.

To City Subscribers.

City subscribers are earnestly requested to report promptly at the STAR office every failure of the carriers to deliver their papers. In all such cases steps will be taken to insure promp and regular delivery.

DIED.

STRUTHERS—In Chadbourn, N. C., at 1.30 A. M., December 28th, AGNES MAY, beloved daughter of H. L. and Lilly R. Struthers, in the 20th year of her age.

The funeral will take place this morning at 10.30 o'clock from the residence of her parents, at Chadbourn.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

N. F. PARKER.
Furniture, Furniture Novelties No. 17 S. Front St.
Tabourettes, Fancy Rockers, Mirror Tables, Ladies' Desks' AT COST till the New Year.
de 25 tf N. F. PARKER.

A CARD.
The undersigned will be a candidate for nomination by the Democratic caucus for Doorkeeper of the House of Representatives in the coming session of North Carolina General Assembly. Respectfully,
JAMES DIAL.
PATES, N. C., Dec. 24, 1898. de 27 1w

New Year Presents.
Balance of our stock of Holiday Goods at Greatly Reduced Prices.
NEW YEAR Cards, Diaries 1899,
Turner's N. C. Almanacs,
Calendar Pads, Blank Books and Office Supplies.
de 29 tf C. W. YATES & CO.

A Place for a Boy.
A boy who is experienced in use of numbering machines, and who can feed Job Presses, is wanted at the
de 27 tf STAR OFFICE.

A REACTION HAS NOW TAKEN PLACE.
Holiday goods all sold. We have on consignment **150 Barrels New Mullets** that must be sold Also, Flour, Rice, Coffee, Tobacco, Soap, Starch, Lye, Molasses and Syrup.
Prices free. Satisfaction guaranteed.
LOVE & FLYNN,
WHOLESALE GROCERS,
de 11 1m WILMINGTON, N. C.

OPERA HOUSE.
Friday Evening, Dec. 30, 1898.
Christmas Appearance of the
University Dramatic Club,
Presenting Two Well Known Plays,
"EVENING DRESS,"
"THE LITTLE REBEL."
de 28 3t

LIVERPOOL SALT.
1500 Bags 100 Salt.
1000 Bags 125 Salt.
1480 Bags 180 Salt.
1150 Bags 200 Salt.
150 Bags Table Salt.
1800 Pounds Dried Apples.
300 Bags Wheat Bran.
700 Bushels Corn.
3000 Pounds Lard.
180 Bags Coffee.
125 Barrels Sugar.
W. B. Cooper,
Wholesale Grocer,
de 25 tf Wilmington, N. C.

A Turkey Fit for a King,
tender, juicy and rich in flavor, a sucking pig for your Thanksgiving or any other day's dinner you will find in our choice stock of Meats, Poultry, Game and Celery Sausage. We have everything in high grade Meats to tempt the palate of the most fastidious eater, and all are especially choice.
I. B. RHODES.
de 24 tf

Oranges! Oranges!
WE OFFER THE ENTIRE CARGO OF ORANGES,
recently arrived on the Schooner Sarah E. Douglass.
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BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

THURSDAY MORNING, DEC. 29.

THE EMPIRE OF TRADE.

There was a time when the spirit of conquest ruled powerful nations and they made war for the glory of extending empire, without any perceptible benefits arising from it. There were world-conquerors who conquered for the glory of conquering and seized territory that was of no earthly use to them and which they knew could not be held and was not worth the holding. The nations that engaged in this kind of business in time fell from internal decay or from too much spreading out, and the conquered acquisitions became a source of weakness instead a source of strength. They paid the penalty of over indulgence in a misguided ambition and met in their own hastened fall the retribution for the destruction and attempted absorption of other and alien peoples.

Of modern nations Spain was the greatest territory acquirer either by discovery or by conquest, and the most extensive ruler of domain the world has ever seen, greater than Alexander when he had conquered all there was to conquer, or than Cæsar when the Roman Eagles had been carried in triumph to the bounds of the then known civilized world. Where is Spain now? Poorer than she was when she started out on her career of conquest and discovery; a decayed, rotton hulk of a once proud and powerful empire. She has paid the penalty of her lust of empire, and the demoralization which that lust begat.

The spirit of conquest exists today among nations, but it is of a different kind and has a different object. Nations are land-grabbers now, as they were in the days of the Alexanders and the Cæsars but they do not make war for the avowed purpose of seizing the territory of others. They make pretext for war, and if successful seize and hold territory which they desire—as the penalty on the conquered and as indemnity for the expenses incurred in levying war against them. If they happen to be savage, semi-civilized or pagan nations, there is an excuse for appropriating their territories, either in the name of civilization or Christianity. That's the justification of the white man for depriving the red man of his domain on these continents; it is the justification of the white man for invading and taking possession of the habitable portions of Africa, and it is the justification of the Caucasian for invading and under one pretext or another taking possession of territory of the Mongolian.

There is no use to quarrel with this, for this world could not grow up as a wilderness under the savage, who found little use for it and the heathen cannot build his wall and say modern civilization must not cross it, for the steamship and the railroad and the telegraph have made the world much smaller than it was, drawn the families of men closer together and made them much more dependent upon each other, and they are becoming more so every day.

To-day the lust of empire is the lust of trade, although it may be called by some other name. Trade is the ruling passion of the nations and that is the motive for reaching out into other lands and seizing territory and parts as bases of operations, but these very acquisitions will in time become bones of contention between the rival nations and they will have to hold by force what they acquire by force, by cunning or dishonesty.

The colonial system, if it be developed, carries within itself the elements of destruction; for strength destroys dependency and makes the dependent eventually sovereign over itself. As colonies become strong they break the leading strings and start out on careers for themselves. England is proud of her extensive empire to-day and it is the Briton's proud boast that "the sun never sets" upon it, but much of it she holds under the gleam of the bayonet, and much more where the bayonet would not inspire terror she holds simply bceause she meddles little and lets her colonial subjects practically govern themselves, as they do in Canada and in South Africa, and Australia, but the day will come when neither Canada nor South Africa nor Australia will acknowledge British allegiance, but will strike out for themselves and take their places among the family of nations. There will be a United States of Australasia, a United States of South Africa, and perhaps Canada may become a part of the United States of America.

Great Britain has succeeded better in her colonial system than any other nation ever has for the reason that they learned a lesson in the revolt and loss of her thirteen American colonies, and abandoned the iron rule as the method of governing other colonies composed of Anglo-Saxon, or Celtic stock, and thus what she might have lost by attempt at rigid rule she has held by conceding practical self-rule under which the weight of the British rule was not felt, and became merely nominal. The only benefit that Great Britain derives from these colonies now is the opportunities they give to British trade, the preference naturally being given to that, other things being equal.

The expansionists of our own country, emulating Great Britain, are desirous of extending our empire and take her for an exemplar, forgetful of the fact that Great Britain has been in that business for four hundred years or more and has expended in building up that system thousands of millions of dollars, while it is written in the book of fate that she must eventually lose the possessions of which she is to-day the proudest.

We may as she has done seize remote territory and hold it for a time, but every dollar we expend in its development and advancement and civilization makes it that much the stronger to dispute our ownership and our sovereignty in the coming years. Supposing there are 8,000,000 of people in the Philippines now, and that there may possibly be 15,000,000 in the future. While it would be exceedingly difficult to hold the 8,000,000 now if they showed a rebellious spirit, it would be more difficult to hold the 15,000,000 in the future, whom we had educated to be more self-reliant and resourceful, whom in other words we had been teaching the art of self-dependence and self-government. Questions like this belong not only to the present but to the future and the prudent nation confronted by them will look to the future as well as to the present.

OUR FOREIGN WARDS.

Every day brings fresh reports of riot and lawlessness in Cuba and of trouble in the Philippines, which will be taken as strengthening the assertions of those who contend that those people are not fit for self-government. In the change of conditions more or less lawlessness might have been expected in both, but in both Cuba and the Philippines it seems to be inspired principally by the spirit of revenge, which is the worst feature about it, for it betokens a deeply-rooted hatred which will make it very difficult for the Cuban and Spaniard or the Filipino and the Spaniard to live in accord when they are thrown into contact with each other.

Having been victorious, these vengeance nursers seem to think it is their natural right to insult or to attack the Spaniard on sight, and this feeling would doubtless be gratified to the full extent if it were not for the restraining presence of the United States troops, who are serving the capacity of military police, the present indications being that they will have a pretty long job.

While there has been some disturbance in Porto Rico there has been comparatively little and the people of that island seem disposed to behave themselves pretty well. But the Porto Ricans have not been schooled in revolutions as the Cubans and Filipinos have, and they have therefore escaped much of the demoralization that revolutions, especially such as engender intense hatred, breed. They have never had any love for the Spaniard but they had peace and have not been provoked to rage by armed oppression and persecution. They passed from Spanish to American control without going through the ordeal of savage war, for the little war they saw, and in which they took no part, was practically a military parade by the U. S. invading army. Of course there will be an end to all this some time, but we are yet very far from the end.

EXPOSURE to a sudden climate change produces cold in the head and catarrh is apt to follow Provided with Ely's Cream Balm you are armed against Nasal Catarrh. Druggists sell it 50 cents, or Ely's Brothers, 56 Warren Street, New York, will mail the 50. or 10. trial size. The Balm cures without pain, does not irritate or cause sneezing. It spreads itself over an irritated and angry surface, relieving immediately the painful inflammation, cleanses and cures. Cream Balm quickly cures the cold. †

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THE HOME MARKET TOO SMALL.

While cotton has for some time been selling at unprecedented low prices cotton goods are lower than they ever were, which is not due to the low price of cotton, but to the overproduction of the mills, which is mainly attributable to the large and continuous increase in the number of Southern mills. The increase in production far exceeds the increase in population, so that if manufacturing is to continue at the same or an increased rate, the only hope of the manufacturers is in finding other markets for their goods. This they are doing to some extent already, but it must be done by concerted action and systematically. In discussing this the New York *Commercial Advertiser* says:

"The main hope of the cotton industry, South as well as North, is in possession of new and growing markets, and at no time in the history of the country have conditions been so favorable to possession of such markets as now. In Cuba and Porto Rico American cotton manufacturers ought to have a practical monopoly in the trade in cotton fabrics. In addition to the thorough organization of the American cotton industry, these islands lie at our very door, and American manufacturers enjoy just so much advantage over British, German and French competitors. This is particularly true of Southern cotton manufacturers. With option of reciprocity treaties still other markets will be open to cotton goods in Central and South America. Most of the cotton fabrics consumed by the latter are produced in Europe, and this, too, in absence of trade treaties. All that is needed to supplant them with American goods, especially with adoption of reciprocal trade arrangements, is a display of enterprise and push on the part of American manufacturers."

Reciprocity would perhaps be the next best thing to free trade or something as near free trade as practicable, for with the present and prospective expenditures of this Government free trade, even if desirable, is a very remote contingency. But there must be something more than reciprocity; there must be industrious and persistent effort made to build up and hold trade in other countries. Our manufacturers should have permanent agencies established in other countries where they would be represented by intelligent, wide awake men, familiar with the cotton business not only of this country but of the world, the capacity of our manufacturers to compete with those of other countries, and they should study the countries whose markets they sought with a view to learning the particular kinds of goods in demand at the lowest possible figures. In this respect foreign manufacturers have been ahead of Americans, for they been long well represented in the countries whose markets they sought, and have manufactured goods especially for those markets. This, with the additional fact that the protective tariff has operated against the extension of our trade, has given the foreign manufacturer decided advantages over the Americans. But we are learning every day, and some of these days common, business sense will assert itself and some of these restrictions may be removed.

In speaking of the ability of the Southern mills to hold their own in the tussle for trade, the *Commercial-Advertiser* remarks:

"Cotton manufacturing is too firmly established in the South to be destroyed by New England competition. Even should labor conditions at the South be the same as in the North, cotton manufacturers there would still enjoy the advantage of nearness to the cotton fields. This might be offset to some extent by greater cheapness of capital at the North, but nothing more. In any event, rivalry between Northern and Southern manufactures would inevitably result again in overproduction, the very thing from which the New England cotton industry is suffering now."

This is a disinterested view of a Northern journal, justified by the record of the past, which has pretty well established the fact that Southern mills can hold their own, at least against competition in this country, and with a fair showing abroad, with the removal of hampering tariff restrictions and with ships of our own to do our ocean carrying, they could more than hold their own against the world.

Free Pills.

Send your address to H. E. Bucklen & Co., Chicago, and get a free sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. A trial will convince you of their merits. These pills are easy in action, and are particularly effective in the cure of Constipation and Sick Headache. For Malaria and Liver troubles they have been proved invaluable. They are guaranteed to be perfectly free from every deleterious substance, and to be purely vegetable. They do not weaken by their action, but by giving tone to the stomach and bowels greatly invigorate the system. Regular size 25c per box. Sold by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

Two Pointed Questions Answered.

What is the use of making a better article than your competitor if you can not get a better price for it?

Ans.—As there is no difference in the price the public will buy only the better, so that while our profits may be smaller on a single sale they will be much greater in the aggregate.

How can you get the public to know your make is the best?

If both articles are brought prominently before the public both are certain to be tried and the public will very quickly pass judgment on them and use only the better one.

This explains the large sale on Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The people have been using it for years and have found that it can always be depended upon. They may occasionally take up with some fashionable novelty put forth with exaggerated claims, but are certain to return to the one remedy that they know to be reliable, and for coughs, colds and croup there is nothing equal to Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For sale by R. R. BELLAMY, Druggist. †

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Salisbury *Sun*: Postmaster Brown, of Rock, this county, is in the city to-day, and tells us of the elopement of a white girl of his neighborhood with a negro preacher. The girl is Sarah Johnson, aged about 18. Sunday evening late she left home and in company with C. B. Kimball, a negro preacher, went off—her people knew not where.

— Raleigh *Post*: The coroner's jury agreed Tuesday that Lucinda Allen came to death by violence and to the best of their opinion at the hands of her husband, Alex. Williams. The accused did not attend the investigation yesterday. He was confined in jail and there he will remain until a jury of twelve men decide his fate, at the next term of Wake Superior Court, which meets January 9th.

Greensboro *Record*: A distressing affair occurred here Monday afternoon, resulting in the death of a boy, aged fifteen years. Two boys were out with a flobert rifle practicing shooting at a mark. One of the boys, whose name was Wrightsell, had gone to the board to inspect the last, when the other boy, not thinking he was still near the spot, fired, Just as he did so Wrightsell's head appeared around the tree upon which the board was fastened, and the ball pierced his forehead between the eyes and he died in a short time.

— Greensboro *Telegram:* On Saturday evening a fight resulting fatally to one of the combatants, occurred near Reidsville. Bill Saunders, a farmer, it seems, had for some time been manufacturing a portion of his grain into juice, on the sly of course, and the knowledge of this side-line came to the ears of his friend and neighbor, Will King, a revenue officer. Friendship cannot stand it the way of duty, and King proceeded to do as the law required in such cases—report the moonshiner. Saturday Saunders went to the home of King to demand an explanation carrying a shot gun to emphasize his remarks. He found King at the barn, but instead of shooting, began using the weapon as a flail. The two men rolled on the ground, each striving for the mastery. King's wife hearing the melee, started from the house with a pistol for her liege lord, but it seems he did not need it—had one in his pocket, and before she could reach them, had gotten his hand on it, and shot Saunders three times in the breast, killing him instantly. King came to Greensboro Sunday, gave himself up, and was placed under bond for his appearance at the next term of Federal Court.

TWINKLINGS.

— Some men are like balloons. The more you fill them with hot air the more inflated they become.

—"Where be'est thee gwine, Jarge?" "Baint gwine nowhere!" "Naw, oi baint! Oi be comin back!"—*New York Journal.*

— Hattie—"Would you call Nell a beauty?" Ella—"Well, that depends," Hattie—"Depends on what?" Ella—"Whether I was conversing with her or some one else."

— A Dismal Outlook: "Why should you worry? You've got a rich uncle who on his last legs, and you're his nearest relative." "Oh, yes, I know, but a grass widow has just moved into the flat across the hall."

— Parishioner—"Yes mum, I do admire the vicar's sermons—that I do?" Vicar's Wife—I'm so glad! And you really understand them?" Parishioner—"Me, mum? Oh, no! I wouldn't presume to understand them!"—*Punch.*

— She—"Now, what sense is there in this, I'd like to know? Here is a poem that begins, 'Drink to me with thine eyes!'" "Why, that's plain enough. You've often read of people with 'liquid orbs,' haven't you?"—*Cleveland Leader*

— Jones—"What kind of business is Brown engaged in?" Smith—"Pneumatic. I thing." Jones—"Pneumatic! Why, I never heard of a business like that." Smith—"Well, whatever it is, he's running it on wind."—*Chicago News.*

— First Lawyer—"I thought you were retained to defend Gory Dock, the wife murderer?" Second Lawyer—"I was asked to, but my conscience wouldn't let me. It was such a brutal crime. And, besides that, he has no money."—*Harlem Life.*

— "But your real opinion of Uncle Sam?" asked the interviewer. "Well," said Aguinaldo, thoughtfully and slowly, "I like him better when he was patting us on the back and hollowing 'Sic 'em!' that I do when he is saying. 'Come here and lie down!"—*Indianapolis Journal.*

— Mistress—"Bridget, I don't suppose you mind having dear little Fido in the kitchen with you when we go out?" Bridget—"No, mum; Oi loike t' have him here. Y' see, whin things go wrong an' Oi gets me dander up, it's a moighty big relief to have somethin' to kick 'round."—*Puck.*

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— Of Miles it may at least be said that he is more of a general than a white-washer.—*Richmond Dispatch, Dem.*

—— A contemporary says the times are so good farmers are buying luxuries. Whether the farmers should feel grateful to the Dingley tariff law or Col. Joseph Leiter is a matter which should not be allowed to mar the festivities.—*Chicago News, Ind.*

—— Our Washington dispatches say that there will be no minority report in antagonism to the confirmation of the peace treaty, and that Senators Daniel and Mills now favor ratification. This will shorten and simplify matters, at any rate.—*New York World, Dem.*

—— It is said that the modified civil service order soon to be issued will withdraw the protection of the system from the present holders of nearly 2400 places. At a moderate estimate this would mean a rush of 24,000 place hunters to Washington to find out what there is in the saying about the office seeking the man.—*Philadelphia Record, Dem.*

—— Secretary Bliss' retirement from the Cabinet makes the fifth change since the President took his seat, Sherman, McKenna, Gary and Day having preceded Bliss out of the Cabinet. The Cabinet is the one exception to the rule that officers seldom resign, the reason being that it is usually made up of men who do not seek office for the salary attached.—*Louisville Courier-Journal, Dem.*

Pains in the chest when a person has a cold indicate a tendency toward pneumonia. A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound on to the chest over the seat of pain will promptly relieve the pain and prevent the threatened attack of pneumonia. This same treatment will cure a lame back in a few hours. Sold by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

SUBMARINE CABLES.

The Difficulties Encountered In Sending Messages at a Profitable Speed.

While submarine cables can now be made of any length and at comparatively small cost, great difficulties are still encountered in sending messages at a commercially profitable speed, and these difficulties increase with the length of the line. In long cables there is a troublesome retardation of the electric current, due to the fact that the insulating cover of the copper strands becomes itself electrified, and this surface charge delays messages by preventing the current at the beginning of any signal from rising rapidly to its maximum and again from rapidly dying out. The consequence of this is that while from 400 to 600 words a minute can be sent over a land line, the maximum speed on an Atlantic cable is somewhere about 32 words a minute. Before the "siphon recorder" and Lord Kelvin's "curb sender" were invented, the maximum speed was eight or ten words per minute. Curiously enough, the more perfect the cable's insulation may be the greater is this retardation, and slight leaks in this covering often increase for the time the line's working capacity. The corrosive action of the salt water is active at such points, however, and will soon cause a break in the cable.

Professor Silvanus P. Thompson of the Royal society of England has invented a system of cable construction by which he expects not only to increase the capacity of the present lines, but to make practicable the covering of the 3,600 miles which separate Hawaii from North America. His plan is to make a cable with two separate conductors inclosed in the same armor, so as to form a complete circuit, and every 100 or 150 miles he will introdnce stretches of cable with three such conductors, the third being a wire of high resistance, the purpose of which is to act as a sort of artificial and protected leak. One end of this third wire will be connected with the positive conductor and the other with the negative one. By this device the static charge on one wire will neutralize that on the other, and all retardation will be avoided. The expectation is to multiply four or five times the number of words now sent over Atlantic cables, to increase to 70 or 80 the 12 words per minute that could be sent over a single core cable to Hawaii, and raise from 15 to 75 the words sent from London to Cape Town.—New York Times.

NO BLOOD SPILLED.

But the Duel Was Fought, and Everybody Was Satisfied.

Every one who knows anything about Major Winton knows that he is without a spark of physical cowardice. That is the reason that he incurred no risk in telling the story that follows:

"Right after the war I went to Texas and formed a business partnership with a rough but brave and big hearted native. We leased and stocked an extensive cattle ranch, hired our cowboys and established a little community of our own. My partner superintended affairs at the ranch while I did the dealing, the purchase of supplies included. This took me to the nearest market, and, as it was too soon for the prejudices between the two great sections of the country to be entirely allayed, I was very careful to talk nothing but business.

"But one day in the hotel an ex-colonel who had taken on extra steam at the bar so persistently attacked my political principles and so clearly aimed his generalities at me that I retorted angrily. This was what he wanted. He handed me his card, and within half an hour two of his friends waited on me, pursuant to the code duello. To gain time I referred them to my partner and hurried back to the ranch. He was delighted at the prospect. It would be a great piece of advertising to bowl the colonel over, and at the same time it would insure me against like trouble in the future. But by principle and training I was irrevocably committed against the duel.

"It was difficult for me to make my partner comprehend any such moral bias, especially as we had fought off cattle thieves together, and he knew that I had nerve and was a dead shot. He himself, when aroused, was recognized as one of the most dangerous men in the southwest. His ultimatum was that we must meet, but with it was a positive assurance that no one should be hurt. The affair came off, and after three exchanges honor was satisfied without a drop of blood. My partner had simply told the colonel's seconds that they must load with blank cartridges or settle with him. They hastened to choose the blank alternative, and in time the colonel and I became fast friends. He confidentially admitted to me afterward that he reckoned he'd lost his shooting eye and must keep out of trouble."—Detroit Free Press.

Realism In Literature.

"The movement for realism in literature has given to the best current fiction a verity and value as a reflection of the times that the novels of no other era possess," writes Droch in The Ladies' Home Journal. "This is not saying, by any means, that our novelists are greater than any of previous epochs. But never before could a reader of fiction accumulate a vivid, true and varied picture of so many sides of human nature, so many conditions of actual life. It therefore broadens the horizon of a judicious reader in a way that books of travel never did. It ought to and often does broaden the sympathies of the reader so that the prejudices of class and nationality are broken down, and there is a more charitable judgment of human nature which can't help being 'different.'"

Why His Hat Stuck.

Tommy (inquiringly)—Mamma, is this hair oil in this bottle?

Mamma—No, that's glue.

Tommy (nonchalantly)—Then I expect that's why I can't get my hat off.—Chicago Record.

Sung Revenge as He Strewed Roses.

Human nature will assert itself, and it did it at a Sunday school celebration in one of the outlying wards. The church was crowded with fond parents and friends to enjoy the exhibition of their youngsters going through their religious exercises. The participants were all boys ranging from 7 to 15 years of age, and they looked angelic, the most of them, in their clean white waists and knickerbockers, with patent leather pumps. One of them attracted attention by his cherubic appearance, as the children walked backward with bowed and reverent attitude, strewing flowers before their religious teachers and singing in sweet, boyish treble. Just as the song swelled to its fullest the boy in front of the cherubic lad by mischance trod on his foot and without changing a muscle in the expression of his face the latter went on strewing his roses and singing, changing the words of the hymn to "I'll swipe you for that when we get out."—Brooklyn Eagle.

They Knew What It Was.

A school inspector, finding a class hesitating over answering the question, "With what weapon did Samson slay the Philistines?" and wishing to prompt them, significantly tapped his cheek and asked, "What is this?"

The Whole Class—The jawbone of an ass.—Philadelphia Times.

A statistical authority says that a woman's chance of being married is best between 20 and 25. After 50 her chance is one in 10,000.

SHE'S WELL EDUCATED.

A Woman Who Has Learned Entirely by Careful Listening.

The wonderful development of certain faculties in the cases of persons who have lost the use of some of their natural functions, or of others whose faculties have not been fully developed, has long been a matter of remark, but it is not alone the ontside observers who appreciate the provisions of nature for the benefit of the unfortunates. The sufferers themselves often appreciate this fully, and in some instances, after years, grow to depend so much upon their acquired faculties as to be afraid of a change, even if they have the chance of one.

An illustration of this is given by a woman in Brooklyn who never has learned to read or write. In no way could one discover this except by her own admission or by putting her to a direct test, for she is one of the best educated women in the country, conversant with languages, art, literature and all the current topics of the day. She is rich, too, and could afford all the services of the best teachers if she but chose to learn to read, but she refuses to do so.

When this woman was a child, her parents lived far from schools, so she had no chance then to learn to read or write. As a mere child she began to earn her own living, and again the chance for schooling slipped away. Then she married and the cares of a family took up her time. By the time the babies were off her hands, her husband had grown rich, and then she began her real education, and now, as a widow, she continues it. Her companions read to her and talk with her about all the topics which interest her. Years of such work have stored her mind with a rich treasure of knowledge, and there is not a page of a book that has been read to her that she is not familiar with. Her stores of knowledge are at her instant command. Why will she not learn to read? Because, she says, she fears that this wonderful memory, which is now such a treasure house to her, might be impaired if she were to do anything to weaken the demands upon it.

What such a memory can do is well illustrated in the case of a tailor of this city who cannot read or write. He is probably the most widely known man in his business here, as for many years he has done business with New York's firemen and policemen. Almost every man of these two bodies has dealings with this tailor, and each month between the first and the tenth days he visits every station house and engine and truck house in this city to collect his dues. He has acquired considerable wealth, and it is said of him that in all the years he has dealt with the firemen and policemen he never was known to make a mistake of a cent in any man's account, although all his records of transactions have been kept in his head. —New York Sun.

Beats the Klondike.

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BAGGING—			
2 ℔ Jute	7	@	7¼
Standard	7¼	@	7¾
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ℔ ℔	12	@	12½
Sides ℔ ℔		@	8
Shoulders ℔ ℔	6¼	@	6½
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ℔ ℔	5½	@	5¾
Shoulders ℔ ℔	6	@	6¼
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each		@	1 10
New New York, each		@	1 20
New City, each		@	1 10
BEESWAX ℔ ℔		@	22
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℔ M	5 00	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ℔ ℔	15	@	18
Northern	20	@	25
CORN MEAL—			
Per bushel, in sacks	46	@	47
Virginia Meal	47	@	50
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle	75	@	80
CANDLES—℔ ℔—			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	8	@	11
CHEESE—℔ ℔—			
Northern Factory	10½	@	11½
Dairy Cream		@	11
State		@	10½
COFFEE—℔ ℔—			
Laguyra	12	@	16
Rio	7½	@	10
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard		@	5½
Yarns, ℔ bunch	18	@	20
EGGS—℔ dozen	16	@	17
FISH—			
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ barrel	22 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ half-bbl	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No. 2, ℔ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No. 2, ℔ half-bbl	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No. 3, ℔ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	3 75	@	4 00
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel		@	8 00
N. C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ ℔	5	@	10
" Extra	4 35	@	4 50
FLOUR—℔ ℔—			
Low grade		@	3 00
Choice		@	3 50
Straight	3 75	@	4 00
First Patent	4 50	@	5 00
GLUE—℔ ℔—	7½	@	8½
GRAIN—℔ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bgs—White		@	50
Car-load, in bgs—White		@	46
Oats, from store	40	@	45
Oats, Rust Proof	40	@	45
Cow Peas	20	@	75
HIDES—℔ ℔—			
Green salted		@	6½
Dry flint		@	10
Dry salt		@	9
HAY ℔ 100 ℔s			
Clover Hay	50	@	75
Rice Straw	40	@	45
Eastern		@	75
Western		@	75
North River		@	75
HOOP IRON, ℔ ℔	1½	@	2
LARD, ℔ ℔—			
Northern	5	@	7
North Carolina	6	@	10½
LIME, ℔ barrel	1 15	@	1 25
LUMBER (city sawed) ℔ M ft—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00	@	30 00
Rough edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	18 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	22 00
Scantling and Board, com'n	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES ℔ gallon—			
Barbadoes, in hogshead		@	25
Barbadoes, in barrels		@	28
Porto Rico, in hogsheads		@	27
Porto Rico, in barrels		@	28
Sugar House, in hogsheads	12	@	14
Sugar House, in barrels	14	@	15
Syrup, in barrels	12	@	15
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut, 60d basis	1 60	@	1 65
PORK, ℔ barrel—			
City Mess	10 50	@	11 00
Rump	10 50	@	11 00
Prime		@	10 50
ROPE, ℔ ℔	10	@	22
SALT, ℔ sack, Alum		@	1 10
Liverpool	75	@	80
American	70	@	75
On 125 ℔ Sacks		@	47½
SHINGLES, 7-inch, per M	5 00	@	8 50
Common	1 60	@	2 25
Cypress Saps	2 50	@	3 50
SUGAR, ℔ ℔—Standard Gran'd	5¾	@	5¾
Standard A		@	5¼
White Extra C	5¼	@	5⅛
Extra C, Golden		@	5
C, Yellow		@	4¾
SOAP, ℔ ℔—Northern	3½	@	4
STAVES, ℔ M—W O, barrel	6 00	@	14 00
R O, Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping		@	9 00
Mill, Prime		@	7 00
Mill, Fair		@	6 50
Common Mill	4 00	@	4 50
Inferior to ordinary		@	3 00
SHINGLES, N.C. Cypress sawed			
℔ M 6x24 heart	7 50	@	8 50
" Sap	5 00	@	6 00
5x24 Heart	4 50	@	5 00
" Sap	4 00	@	4 50
4x24 Heart	3 00	@	3 50
" Sap	2 00	@	2 50
TALLOW, ℔ ℔		@	6
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon, Northern	1 00	@	2 00
North Carolina	1 00	@	2 00
WOOL, per ℔—Unwashed	10	@	15

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 28.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.—Market firm at 42½ cents per gallon for machine-made casks, and 42 cents per gallon for country casks.

ROSIN—Nothing doing.

TAR.—Market firm at $1.10 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Market firm at $1.30 per barrel for Hard, $2.30 for Dip, and $2.30 for Virgin.

Quotations same day last year.—Spirits turpentine firm at 31@30½c: rosin firm at $1.15, $1.20; tar firm, $1 05; crude turpentine quiet, $1.40, $1.90, $1.90.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	65
Rosin	334
Tar	171
Crude Turpentine	17

Receipts same day last year.—50 casks spirits turpentine, 366 bbls rosin, 243 bbls tar, 38 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 5⅜ cts per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	2 15-16 cts.	℔	lb
Good Ordinary	4 5-16	"	"
Low Middling	4 15-16	"	"
Middling	5⅜	"	"
Good Middling	5 11-16	"	"

Same day last year middling 5 17-16c.

Receipts—1,104 bales; same day last year, 764.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS — North Carolina — Prime, 45 to 55c per bushel; fancy, 28 pounds; extra prime, 60c; fancy, 65c. Virginia—Extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c; Spanish, 70@80c.

CORN—Firm; 45 to 50 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—Lowland (tidewater) 90c@$1.10; upland, 65@80c. Quotations on a basis of 45 pounds to the bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 12 to 13c per pound; shoulders, 6 to 7c; sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five-inch hearts and saps, $1.60 to 2.25; six-inch, $2.25 to 3.25: seven-inch, $5.50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $2.50 to 6.50 per M.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 28.—Money on call firmer at 2¼@6 per cent., the last loan being at 2¼ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3¾ per cent. Sterling exchange steady with actual business in bankers' bills at 484¼@484½ for demand and at 481¾@482 for sixty days. Posted rates were 482½ and 483½. Commercial bills 480¾@481. Silver certificates 59½@60½. Bar silver 59½. Mexican dollars 46½. Government bonds firmer; U. S. new 3's —; U. S. new 4's, registered, 128¾@129¼; do. coupon, 128¾@129¼; U. S. 4's 111¾@112; do. coupon, 113½@114½; do. 2's 99½; U. S. 5's, registered, 112½@113½; do. 5's, s coupon, 113. State bonds strong; N. C. 6's 125; do. 4's, 104.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 28.—Rosin steady. Spirits turpentine firm at 45@45½c.

CHARLESTON, December 28.—Spirits turpentine firm at 40c bid; no sales. Rosin firm and unchanged; no sales.

SAVANNAH, December 28.—Spirits turpentine firm at 42½c; sales 19 casks; receipts 1,761 casks. Rosin firm and unchanged; sales 2,933 barrels; receipts 8,123 barrels.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 28.—The market for cotton futures was firmer but not active to-day; Liverpool cables were practically unchanged. The fact that spot sales in the English market reached only 7,000 bales was a disappointment, but the Liverpool future list at least held its own and consequent covering here caused a better average of prices at the opening. The first call started at unchanged prices and finished two and four points higher. Prices promptly improved several points further, but speculation failed to come into the market as looked for and realizing turned the market easier. Later the market turned steadier on indications of small receipts to-morrow. Shor

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As when the yellow autumn time is here,
Each tree and shrub, not doubtful of the spring,
Puts forth new buds whose hope the waning year
Has not the power into full leaf to bring—
So we who sadly tread life's downward slope,
Chill blooded, feeble limbed and bent and gray,
Put forth, while passing, each his bud of hope
That we may come again to youth and May.
And hark! The robin pipes again. The stream
Shakes off the frosty fetters it has worn.
The buds, awaking from their frighting dream,
Unfold rejoicing in a spring newborn
And prophesy the lily and the rose.
So spring may come again to us. Who knows?
—J. L. Heaton in "The Quilting Bee."

THE PAPER'S VALEDICTORY.

A "Farewell" Issue That Read Like an Oracle to Survivors.

Several years ago I was the Omaha Republican's correspondent in Lincoln, Neb., the state capital, when the paper changed hands. The new proprietor had a policy in two words, "Reduce salaries!" In a few months he was himself reduced to the point where he couldn't pay any salary. He asked me to come to Omaha and take the editorship at the salary I was receiving as reporter. He would cut my salary in two if I remained in Lincoln. I accepted reluctantly. It was only a question of a few weeks when the paper would have to suspend, and there was little honor or profit in guiding the wreck.

For three weeks we managed to get along somehow, and then the proprietor went into retirement. The Republican had the Associated Press franchise and had presses and material worth $20,000. It had about 8,000 paid subscribers. I had tried to get somebody to buy it, and, in the hope that somebody would, we continued to get the paper out. At last the printers announced that they would not work any longer. I prevailed upon them to work that night, and they agreed to help get out a farewell issue. It was a unique specimen. For weeks Mr. Rosewater, the proprietor of The Bee, and Mr. Hitchcock, the proprietor of The World-Herald, had been waiting for The Republican's demise with eager expectation. They knew we had been endeavoring to sell the paper to outside parties, and I determined to give them a scare.

In an editorial recounting the vicissitudes through which The Republican had passed I said that at last the paper's troubles had come to an end, and they had. For some weeks, the editorial went on to say, the future of The Republican had been problematic, but now the suspense was over. We knew exactly what was in store for the paper, and we did. For our contemporaries there might be rivalries and annoyances, but for The Republican all that was past, and it was.

I learned afterward that there was consternation in The Bee and World-Herald offices the next day and that it was not until the second night, when everybody knew the old Republican had gone under, that our contemporaries were reassured.—New York Mail and Express.

Simple Remedies.

For a cold in the face apply to the gum a piece of cotton wet with a mixture of laudanum and camphor, using two parts laudanum to one part camphor.

For threatened inflammation of the stomach take half a loaf of stale bread, wet with hot water, and sprinkle thickly with ground ginger. Apply to the stomach while waiting for the doctor's visit.

For a cold on the chest there is no better specific for most persons than well boiled or roasted onions, both for a cough and for the clogging of the bronchial tubes, which is usually the cause of the cough. If eaten freely at the outset of a cold, they will break up even a serious attack.

How to Breathe.—All children should be taught to breathe through the nose and to keep the mouth tightly closed. Many disease germs enter through the open mouth, while, if the mouth is kept closed, the air becomes purified while passing through the long, moist passages and tempered for the lungs.—Philadelphia Record.

Took Out the Starch.

William E. Curtis, the newspaper correspondent, tells the following story of a Washington colored woman: "The wife of a naval officer in this city, whose husband has just returned from a long cruise, is fixing up her home here and sent her lace curtains to a colored woman to be 'done up.' The 'washlady' returned them on the day agreed upon, but apologized because they were so 'limpsey' and offered to do them over again if she were allowed a few days' time. 'I had 'em jus' as stiff as you like, honey,' she remarked to the naval officer's wife, 'but my husband's niece by his fust wife died jus' at the time I got 'em ironed, and nuthin'll take the starch out of things so much as a corpse in a house.'' Another trial was given her.

A Wonderful Mathematician.

Zerah Colburn, born in 1804, was the most remarkable natural mathematician every known. He was able to raise 8 to the sixteenth power, this comprising 15 figures, and was right in every particular. Once he was requested to name the factors which produced the number 247,483 and immediately gave the correct answer. He was asked the square root of 106,929, and before the figures could be written down he gave the answer.

Chew for a few moments a cracker containing no sugar and notice how sweet it becomes. This is the sugar into which your saliva has converted the starch of the cracker.

When a dentist in China is pulling a tooth for a patron, an assistant hammers on a gong to drown the cries of the victim.

It is just as well to know that ophelia, a new color, is a pale mauve.

Queer Language.

The Saturday Review says that when he was in Egypt Mark Twain hired two Arab guides to take him to the pyramids. He was familiar enough with Arabic, he thought, to understand and be understood with perfect ease. To his consternation he found that he could not comprehend a word that either of the guides uttered. At the pyramids he met a friend, to whom he made known his dilemma. It was very mysterious, Twain thought. "Why, the explanation is simple enough," said the friend. "Please enlighten me, then," said Twain. "Why, you should have hired younger men. These old fellows have lost their teeth, and, of course, they don't speak Arabic. They speak gum-Arabic."

A Wonderful Scholar.

Antonio Magliabecchi, the famous Florentine scholar, was remarkable not only for the amount and variety of his knowledge—for he knew accurately 60 different languages—but also for his incessant labors as a student and librarian. "He usually passed the whole night in study and when exhausted nature demanded rest a straw chair served for a couch and an old threadbare cloak for a coverlet."

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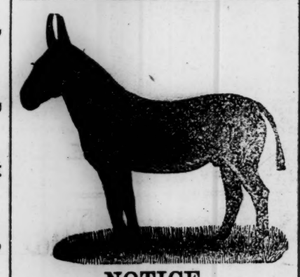

NOTICE.

I have lots of both Mules and Horses, and some Family Broke Ponies. And one of them would make the boys and girls feel like Santa Claus had come. Now is the time to buy while the trade is dull. After the first of the year they will be worth more money.

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Whose Was It?

A scholar traveling in the east says that he was once in camp with his friend Ramsay, a man of kindred tastes, in a wretched Phrygian village far from the track of travelers. As they were striking tents in the morning a heavy faced boy brought Mr. Ramsay a handful of bronze for sale. He sorted it rapidly on the palm of his hand and found among the rubbish one very rare coin of Hierapolis. Then he put it all back again in the boy's outstretched palm and offered half a dollar for the lot. The boy accepted the bid, gave back the handful, took his money and disappeared while the exultant purchaser went chuckling off among the horses.

Ten minutes later the boy appeared again, and, going up to the other Englishman, offered another handful of rubbish among which was the same rare Hierapolitan coin. The gentleman kept the bronze in his hand and offered a half dollar for it, which the boy refused, though the bargain was eventually concluded for a dollar.

Then the gentleman, in high glee, hailed his companion and, showing his purchase, informed him that he was not the only man who possessed a coin of Hierapolis.

"Let us compare," said the other, emptying the pocket where his bronze was jingling.

He sorted the lot and felt in every pocket. No coin of Hierapolis was there. To this day three questions remain unanswered:

How did the boy retain the coin in the first instance in order to sell it over again?

How, in that remote region, far from the haunts of travelers, did he know the value of his find?

And to which purchaser did the coin really belong?—Youth's Companion.

His Sweet Voice.

The best of men are at times liable to make very serious mistakes. A man in a Leicestershire village woke in the night and heard what he supposed to be the harsh grating of a saw on a hard board and at once jumped to the conclusion that some bold, bad burglar was sawing a hole in the front door.

He slipped out of bed, glided like a specter into the hall and again listened and this time became fully satsfied that hs first suspicions were correct.

Seizing his trusty gun, he poured a handful of powder and ditto of shot into each barrel, capped it and, softly raising an up stairs window, blazed away in the darkness, the shot being followed by a howl of pain from below.

He then hurriedly drew on a few of his most necessary garments and went to investigate the matter, and upon the first step found the wounded form of a neighboring youth, who, in feeble tones, explained that he had come over to serenade his sweetheart, the old man's only daughter, with a song and that when he was shot he was driving ahead as best he could on "Sweet Spirit, Hear My Prayer."

He expressed no surprise at the old man's mistake, but thinks that he might have at least yelled "Who's there?" before he pulled the trigger, but the shooter said he was somewhat excited and just a little scared, so didn't stop to think.—Pearson's Weekly.

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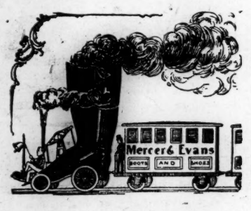

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RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans	$659,283 50	Capital	$125,000 00
Overdrafts secured by collateral	10,480 58	Surplus	70,000 00
Overdrafts unsecured	377 33	Undivided profits	19,564 01
U. S. Bonds (at par)	95,600 00	Circulation	40,960 00
Banking House and Fixtures	10,000 00	Deposits, U. S. Treasurer	$ 50,000 00
Due from app'd reserve agts	$156,143 52	" from banks	190,307 20
Due from other Banks	$165,220 57	" individuals	666,562 36-906,769 56
Cash on hand	65,178 27—326,542 16		
Total	$1,162,283 57	Total	$1,162,283 57

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT:

	Dec. 1, '97.	Dec. 1, '98
Total Deposits	$678,000	$906,700
Surplus and Net Profits	76,100	89,500

Dividends paid—6 per cent. per annum.
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$ 5	" " "	" "	$3185
$10	" " "	" "	$6370
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Train 41—Leaves Portsmouth 9:30 A. M., leaves Weldon 11:50 A. M., Raleigh 3:40 P. M., Sanford 5:05 P. M., Hamlet 6:56 P. M., Athens 8:43 A. M., and Atlanta 3:30 A. M.

Train 408—Leaves Washington 4:40 P. M., Richmond 8:56 P. M., Portsmouth 8:45 P. M., leaves Weldon 11:28 P. M., Raleigh 2:16 A. M., Sanford 3:33 A. M., Hamlet 5:07 A. M., Rockingham 5:23 A. M., Wadesboro 5:53 A. M., Monroe 6:43 A. M., Charlotte 7:50 A. M., Lincolton 10:35 A. M., Shelby 11:37 A. M., Rutherfordton 12:50 noon, Athens 1:13 P. M., Atlanta 7:50 P. M.

Train 38—Leaves Atlanta 7:50 P. M., Athens 11:19 P. M., Monroe 6:05 A. M. Leaves Charlotte 5:10 A. M., Monroe 6:55 A. M., Wadesboro 7:01 A. M., Hamlet 8:00 A. M., Raleigh 11:35 A. M., Weldon 2:45 P. M.; arrive Portsmouth 5:20 P. M.

Train 38—Leaves Hamlet 8:20 A. M. Arrives Laurinburg 8:46 A. M., Maxton 9:05 A. M., Pembroke 9:31 A. M., Lumberton 9:53 A. M., Wilmington 12:05 noon.

Train 402—Leaves Atlanta 12:00 M. Leaves Athens 3:13 P. M., Monroe 9:40 P. M. Leaves Rutherfordton 4:35 P. M. Arrives Shelby 5:55 P. M. Lincolnton 6:56 P. M., Charlotte 8:38 P. M., Monroe 9:40 P. M., Wadesboro 10:31 P. M., Rockingham 11:15 P. M., Hamlet 11:15 P. M., Sanford 1:02 A. M., Raleigh 2:16 A. M., Weldon 4:55 A. M., Portsmouth 7:35 A. M., Richmond 8:20 A. M., Washington 12:31 noon.

Train 18—Leaves Hamlet 7:15 P. M. Arrives Gibson 8:10 P. M. Returning, leaves Gibson 6:50 A. M. Arrives Hamlet 7.40 A. M.

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NORTH BOUND.	No. 2 DAILY.
Leave Wilmington	8 50 A. M.
Arrive Fayetteville	12 00 M.
Leave Fayetteville	12 20 P. M.
Leave Fayetteville Junction	12 28 "
Leave Sanford	1 50 "
Leave Climax	2 44 "
Arrive Greensboro	4 15 "
Leave Greensboro	4 25 "
Leave Stokesdale	5 12 "
Leave Walnut Cove	5 44 "
Leave Rural Hall	6 13 "
Arrive Mt. Airy	7 25 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 1 DAILY.
Leave Mt. Airy	8 45 A. M.
Leave Rural Hall	10 09 "
Leave Walnut Cove	10 36 "
Leave Stokesdale	11 07 "
Arrive Greensboro	11 55 "
Leave Greensboro	12 13 P. M.
Leave Climax	12 42 "
Leave Sanford	2 30 "
Leave Fayetteville Junction	3 49 "
Arrive Fayetteville	3 32 "
Leave Fayetteville	4 02 "
Arrive Wilmington	7 05 "

NORTH BOUND.	No. 4 DAILY.
Leave Bennettsville	8 00 A. M.
Arrive Maxton	9 03 "
Leave Maxton	9 07 "
Leave Red Springs	9 35 "
Leave Hope Mills	10 20 "
Arrive Fayetteville	10 40 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 3. DAILY.
Leave Fayetteville	4 33 P. M.
Leave Hope Mills	4 52 "
Leave Red Springs	5 33 "
Arrive Maxton	6 09 "
Leave Maxton	6 15 "
Arrive Bennettsville	7 15 "

NORTH BOUND.	No. 16. Mixed Daily Ex. Sunday.
Leave Ramseur	6 40 A. M.
Leave Climax	8 30 "
Arrive Greensboro	9 17 "
Leave Greensboro	9 55 "
Leave Stokesdale	11 07 "
Arrive Madison	11 55 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 15. Mixed Daily Ex. Sunday.
Leave Madison	12 30 P. M.
Leave Stokesdale	1 15 "
Arrive Greensboro	2 30 "
Leave Greensboro	3 00 "
Leave Climax	3 50 "
Arrive Ramseur	5 30 "

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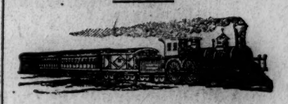

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DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON—NORTH BOUND.

DAILY 9.45 A. M. — No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 11.19 A. M., Warsaw 11 34 A. M., Goldsboro 12.30 A. M., Wilson 1.16 P. M., Rocky Mount 1.53 P. M., Tarboro 2.31 P. M., Weldon 4.30 P. M., Petersburg 5.21 P. M., Richmond 7.20 P. M., Norfolk 5.55 P. M., Washington 11.30 P. M., Baltimore 1.50 A. M., Philadelphia 3.50 A. M., New York 6.53 A. M., †Boston 3.00 P. M.

DAILY 7.15 P. M. — No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.40 P. M., Warsaw 9 08 P. M., Goldsboro 10.00 P. M., Wilson 10.48 P. M., †Tarboro 6.45 A. M., Rocky Mount 11.35 P. M. Weldon 12.59 A. M., †Norfolk 10.05 A. M., Petersburg 2.35 A. M., Richmond 3.28 A. M., Washington 7 01 A. M., Baltimore 8.23 A. M., Philadelphia 10.35 A. M., New York 1.03 P. M., Boston 9.00 P. M.

DAILY except Sunday 9.25 P. M. — No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4.13 P. M., Newbern 5.40 P. M.

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY 3.45 P. M. — No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 4.56 P. M., Chadbourn 5.28 P. M., Marion 6 34 P. M., Florence 7.15 P. M., Sumter 8.57 P. M., Columbia 10.30 P. M., Denmark 6.12 A. M., Augusta 7.55 A. M., Macon 11.15 A. M., Atlanta 12.35 P. M. Charleston 10.50 P. M., Savannah 1.50 A. M., Jacksonville 7.30 A. M., St. Augustine 10.30 A. M., Tampa 6.05 P. M.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.45 P. M. — No. 49—Passenger—Leave Boston †1.03 P. M., New York *9.00 P. M., Philadelphia 12.05 A. M., Baltimore 2.50 A. M., Washington 4 30 A. M., Richmond 9.05 A. M., Petersburg 10.00 A. M., Norfolk 9 00 A. M., Weldon 11.50 A. M., Tarboro 12 31 P. M., Rocky Mount 1.00 P. M., Wilson 3.32 P. M., Goldsboro 3.16 P. M., Warsaw 4 07 P. M., Magnolia 4.30 P. M.

DAILY except Sunday 9.30 A. M. — No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 9.30 A. M., Philadelphia 12 09 P. M., Baltimore 2.25 P. M., Washington 3.46 P. M., Richmond 7.30 P. M., Petersburg 8.12 P. M., †Norfolk 2.20 P. M., Weldon 9.43 P. M., †Tarboro 6.00 P. M., Rocky Mount 5.40 A. M. Leave Wilson 6.22 A. M., Goldsboro 7.01 A. M., Warsaw 7.53 A. M., Magnolia 8.05 A. M.

DAILY Sunday 12.15 P. M. — No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9.00 A. M., Jacksonville 10.26 A. M.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 1.25 P. M. — No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 8.10 A. M., Sanford 3.07 P. M., Jacksonville 8.00 P. M., Savannah 1.45 A. M., Charleston 6.33 A. M., Atlanta 7.50 A. M., Macon 9.00 A. M., Augusta 2.30 P. M., Denmark 4.17 P. M Columbia 6.50 A. M., Sumter 8.15 A. M Florence 10.00 A. M., Marion 10.40 A. M., Chadbourn 11.44 A. M., Lake Waccamaw 12.13 A. M.

†Daily except Sunday.

Trains on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3.55 P. M., Halifax 4.15 P. M.; arrive Scotland Neck 5.08 P. M., Greenville 6.57 P. M., Kinston 7.55 P. M. Returning, leave Kinston 7.50 A. M., Greenville 8.52 A. M.; arriving Halifax at 11.18 A. m., Weldon 11.33 A. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.20 A. M. and 2.30 P. M.; arrive Parmele 9.10 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.; returning leaves Parmele 9.35 A. M. and 6.30 P. M.; arrives Washington 11.00 A. M. and 7.20 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

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The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

THURSDAY MORNING, DEC. 29.

A MORMON REPRESENTATIVE.

Congressman-Elect Roberts Says He Cannot Legally Be Barred from Taking His Seat in Congress.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—A Salt Lake special to the *Evening World* says:

Congressman-elect B. H. Roberts to-day made the following statement to the *Evening World's* correspondent:

"If a time comes when it is necessary for me to defend myself I shall be right there, on the spot, and I appreciate that the members of Congress and the American people are more liberal, broad minded and generous than a few bigoted and contracted preachers of the Presbyterian Church, whose training, mode of life and trend of thought tend to unfit them for practical life.

"Joseph Smith received a commandment from the Lord to introduce our order of marriage into the church and on the strength of that revelation and by reason of anything that is written in the Jewish scriptures, the Latter Day Saints practice plural marriages. Polygamy is not adultery, for, were it so considered, than Abraham, Jacob and the prophets who practiced it would not be allowed an inheritance in the kingdom of heaven, and if polygamy is not adultery, then it cannot be classed as a sin at all. It appears to me that modern Christians must either learn to tolerate polygamy or give up forever the glorious hope of resting in Abraham's bosom.

"That which God approves, and so strikingly approves, must be not only not bad, but positively good, pure and holy. Notwithstanding, however, the hand of the Gentiles was laid heavy upon the people of the Lord, that in his mercy God permitted them to cease therefrom, from expediency, and true to the pledge given by the church no polygamous marriages have since been celebrated by the church. But not even the church can take away from a man the wives it has already given him. They are his for time and for eternity, and I think the great, broad-minded and just American people will not require a man to cast off the wives he has, with whom he has lived, nor to abandon his children."

At the most, Mr. Roberts says, his offence is unlawful cohabitation, and he remarked: "I am here and the courts are open. If any one wants to test the point the way is clear."

It has been urged by some that Mr. Roberts, owing to the operation of the Edmunds Tucker act, which disfranchised all polygamists, is legally barred from taking his seat in Congress. In regard to this Mr. Roberts says he has had the best legal advice obtainable, which convinces him that there are no legal obstacles in the way of his taking the seat.

SPANISH-AMERICAN CLAIMS.

Plan for Settlement Agreed Upon by the United States and Spanish Governments.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 28.—Immediately upon the ratification of the peace treaty by the Senate, the President will recommend to Congress the enactment of legislation, looking to the settlement of the claims of American citizens for damages sustained in Cuba, Porto Rico and other Spanish possessions which formed the seat of war. These claims, to the amount of $26,000,000, on this score, have already been lodged with the State Department. It is true that an unknown portion of these are claims based on depredations committed by Cubans, for which it is questionable whether the Spanish government could be held responsible. On the other hand, it is believed that there are many claims for large amounts that have not yet been presented, owing to the inability of the claimants to secure the necessary corroborative evidence during the Spanish occupation of the evacuated territories or because of the belief that it would be fruitless to present any claim so long as Spanish sovereignty was maintained. Now, however, by an article in the Treaty of Paris, the United States has assumed liability for all claims preferred by its citizens on account of depredations, or in fact, on any proper score. In its turn the Spanish assumed liability for any claims that might have been made on account of Spanish citizens or the Spanish government itself against the United States. What such claims would have amounted to cannot be estimated. None was filed with the United States government prior to the declaration of war. But it is recalled that there was much criticism on the part of high Spanish officials of the alleged failure of the United States government to observe the requirements of the neutrality laws, and more than one statement to the effect that the Spanish government intended to present a claim for a round number of millions on that score.

MUSTERING OUT TROOPS.

No Change in Plans of the War Department—The Third North Carolina Will be One of the Regiments.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 28.—It is said at the War Department that no change in plans as to the mustering out of troops will be made as a result of the threatening outlook in the Philippines. The secretary of war has made some progress in designating the volunteer regiments to be mustered out, but no announcement will be made until the list is completed. It is believed, however, that the list will include the Thirty-first Michigan now at Knoxville, the Second Tennessee at Columbus, Ga; the Third Tennessee at Anniston, Ala; the Third North Carolina, (colored) at Macon; the Sixth Virginia, (colored) at Macon; and the First West Virginia at Columbus, Ga. These regiments would constitute a good part of the volunteers to be mustered out, for the entire number will not run very high, owing to the purpose to first muster out the volunteers at Manila and reduce the regulars down to the number contemplated by law when the war closed.

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CUBANS CONTINUE TO GIVE TROUBLE.

Incensed at Orders Issued by General Brooke For Evacuation Day.

BARRING THE CUBAN ARMY.

Threatening to Tear Down Their Flag and Close Their Doors—Disturbances in Havana—Many Arrests Made.

(By Telegraph to the Morning Star)

HAVANA, Dec. 28.—The patrols of American troops made thirty arrests for misdemeanors last night and turned the culprits over to the civil authorities. Two of the men arrested for the Vegas Bomba cafe affair are Spanish marines. They were surrendered to the Spanish authorities. Fifty United States soldiers for being in the city without leave, were sent to the camps for punishment.

A detachment of 100 Cubans, under the command of Jos. Estrance, has entered Havana.

The Spanish transport Manchon sailed for Cadiz to-day with 2,400 Spanish troops on board.

Major General Brooke does not recognize the Cuban army and will do everything compatible with tact and judgment to cause its disbandment. An auxiliary force of Cubans may be formed, but the recruits will be taken as individuals. Consequently, volunteer police work on the part of the Cuban commanders in the provinces of Havana, Santa Clara and Pinar del Rio will not be encouraged. The offers of assistance, which are continuously being made by the Cuban chiefs, are politely received but are not accepted.

The Havana newspapers will not be censored in the Spanish sense, but they will be watched, cautioned against incendiary and untruthful utterances and suppressed if habitual offenders. Press cablegrams will not be censored.

It is understood that the United States treasury will fix the value of the centene at $4.82 and of the Spanish silver dollar at 60 cents.

Collectors of Customs.

To-day the army officers who have been appointed sub-collectors of customs at the various posts outside of Havana, went to school, so to speak. Fourteen went to the banking house of E. L. Childs, of the Havana Chamber of Commerce, and were instructed by him into the intricacies of exchange and how to calculate the double ratios of silver to Spanish gold and American gold.

Row in a Cafe.

The official report of Gen. Ludlow regarding the row in the Bombay street cafe last night, is as follows:

"At 5 45 P. M., December 27, Sergeant Adams, Company M, Tenth U. S. infantry, being informed that that there was a fight in progress in a cafe on Bombay street, took a party with him and proceeded to No. 9 in that street. On arriving he found the chairs and tables overturned and other evidences of a severe struggle having taken place. As soon as he came fully into the light, after passing though the cafe, he was met by volleys coming from all directions, some of the shots coming from inside the cafe.

"All that the sergeant could see in the way of men were some three or four figures crawling over the eaves of the roofs. There were no casualties, so far as he knows, and on inquiry made at the cafe none could be heard of. The disturbance took place outside of the district occupied by the United States forces.

A Spaniard Murdered.

This afternoon a Spaniard named Fernandez, a member of the municipal police, was surrounded by a crowd of Cubans in Bombay street. Cuban and American flags were waved in his face, his rifle was twisted out of his hands and half a hundred men yelled to him "Shout Viva Cuba Libre or die."

Fernandez threw up his arms as if to assent and then when the mob had quieted down to hear what he had to say, he cried in clear tones "Viva Espana, Viva Espana." Knives were thrust into him, and to-night he is dying.

It is a favorite sport among the Cuban men to stop in the streets persons supposed to be pro-Spanish and to make them kiss the Cuban flag and cry "Viva Cuba Libre." Sometimes these incidents have their humorous features, but quite as often the victims are viciously treated.

Cubans Start a Fight.

To-day a fight was started by some Cubans carrying American and Cuban flags, who declared they had been insulted by Spanish marines. A Cuban drew a pistol, and declaring that he would defend the American flag, fired. Other shots followed. According to unofficial reports a Spanish soldier of the Calavara battalion was killed, a Spanish marine fatally wounded, and at least one other, if not several others, hurt.

This morning two battalions of the First Texas and the Second Louisiana volunteer regiments arrived here on the United States transport Mobile, from Savannah, and marched through a portion of the Prado to Camp Quemados. The mascot cats of the Texans were borne in front of the column.

The United States troops occupied Castle La Punta this afternoon.

Cubans Greatly Excited.

Cuban residents of Havana declare to-night, if General Brooke does not rescind his order barring representatives of the insurgent army from being present at the evacuation ceremonies on New Year's day they will close their houses on that occasion, tear down their flags and decorations and remain in doors.

The Cuban peace commission, after a stormy interview with Gen. Brooke to-night, telegraphed Gen. Gomez not to come to Havana, as he intended, as no courtesies could be shown him.

The Cubans are greatly excited. "We have not fought for a change of masters. We have fought for liberty, and not for a new ownership," declared Juan Frederico Centennalas, one of the most prominent Cubans in Havana.

"Our army is still in the field. They shall not lay down their arms until we find out whether we are to be slaves or free."

Two nights ago Gen. Ludlow notified the commission that Gen. Gomez and other Cuban army leaders could be present at the ceremonies and that the Cuban army might enter Havana. To-night General Brooke told the commission that the Cuban army is not to be recognized and is to have no part in the demonstrations of January 1st.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher.

DEATH BY POISON.

The Victim a Well-to-do Woman of New York—Attending Physician and Another Man Also Poisoned.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Mrs. Kate J. Adams, a well-to do woman, was poisoned to-day in her handsomely furnished apartments, on Eighty-sixth street. Her death is connected with a curious chain of events. Mrs. Adams was a widow, 50 years of age and lived with her son-in-law, Edward Rogers, an insurance agent. Harry Cornish, a well known athlete and physical director of the Knickerbocker Athletic Club, boards with the Rogers. Mrs. Adams awoke this morning with a bad headache, and her daughter, Mrs. Rogers, advised her to take some bromo-seltzer. Mrs. Rogers hunted around, but found none of the required medicine; finally, she remembered that there was some bromo-seltzer in Mr. Cornish's room. This she got and gave to her mother, who took a fair sized dose. In a few seconds Mrs. Adams was in great pain and evidently suffering from the effects of a strong poison. Dr. Hitchcock was called in and he tried to counteract the effects of the poison, which he declared to be cyanide of potassium. Mr. Cornish and Dr. Hitchcock both tasted the poisonous stuff, and in a few minutes both were prostrated by the effects of the slight quantity they had taken. Dr. Potter was called in. He revived the two men, but Mrs. Adams died.

Mr. Cornish states that on Christmas day he received a neat package addressed to himself containing a sterling silver medicine bottle-holder in a Tiffany box and in the holder was a bottle marked, "Bromo Seltzer." This package was anonymously sent, but Cornish says he thought nothing of this, as he frequently gets presents in this way. It was this bottle that Mrs. Rogers got for her mother and out of which Mrs. Adams drank with fatal effect.

Mr. Cornish says he cannot think who could have had any design on his life.

TO PAY CUBAN SOLDIERS.

Proposition for the United States to Advance the Money Necessary for This Purpose.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Negotiations are progressing in the matter of payment of Cuban troops, so that on laying down their arms they may be enabled to enter upon civil pursuits and earn their living. Probably no further appropriation by Congress will be necessary to enable the President to carry out the plan if it should be decided, as it probably will be, to advance money, charging it against the revenues of Cuba, to pay the Cuban's part of the money due them for their service in the Cuban army. This debt is not an obligation resting upon the United States, but is one for which the Cuban government will be obligated on its establishment on an independent basis. Pending the establishment of a permanent government, there is no authority responsible for payment of these soldiers and unless this government advances the money as a loan they will have to go for an indefinite period without pay for services already rendered in the war for independence. The special deficiency appropriation bill carries an item of $3,000,000, as an emergency fund which the government may use for any purpose, and the idea is to advance the money for the payment of the Cuban soldiers out of this fund. It is understood, however, the President has not consented to this arrangement yet.

HON. WM. J. BRYAN'S VIEWS

As to Imperialism, the Money Issue and the Expansion Question in the Campaign of 1900.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

OMAHA, December 28.—Col. Wm. J. Bryan arrived in Omaha to-day from Chicago. He called on friends in the city during the morning and this afternoon left for Lincoln.

When asked if he thought the question of imperialism would overshadow the money issue in the campaign of 1900, Mr. Bryan said it was difficult at this time to say what relation these subjects would bear to each other then. He thought if Congress would adopt a resolution pledging this government to keep the Philippines only as a trust for their people, as we do Cuba, until a stable government is established, the expansion issue would be at an end. If, however, the question is not settled in some such way as this, he said, it would continue to be a matter of discussion until it was disposed of, and would therefore remain one of the issues before the people.

With Porto Rico, Mr. Bryan said the situation could be simplified easily. He believed the people of the island should first be permitted to vote whether they desired annexation to this country, or the formation of an independent Republic.

THE LATE SENATOR MORRILL.

Funeral Ceremony to be Held in the Senate Chamber Next Saturday.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Arrangements for the funeral of the late Senator Morrill, of Vermont, who died at an early hour this morning, ware completed to day. The funeral ceremony will be held in the Senate Chamber on Saturday next, at 12 o'clock noon. Until that time the body will remain at the family residence on Massachusetts Avenue and will be borne to the Capitol early Saturday morning. The services at the Senate will be conducted by Rev. E. Bradford Leviit, of All Souls Unitarian Church, where Senator Morrill was an attendant for a number of years, assisted by Rev. Dr. Milburn, the blind chaplain of the Senate. The remains will be taken to the family home at Strafford, Vermont, for burial, alongside the remains of Mrs. Morrill, although they will probably be entombed here for a time, until the family mauseoleum now under construction, is completed.

Major General Francis V. Greene arrived in Washington. He came to resign his commission as an officer of the volunteer army preparatory to his return to private life.

THE MODERN MOTHER

Has found that her little ones are improved more by the pleasant Syrup of Figs, when in need of the laxative effect of a gentle remedy, than by any other. Children enjoy it and it benefits them. The true remedy, Syrup of Figs, is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only.

SITUATION IN THE PHILIPPINES.

Insurgents Capture Iloilo Before The Arrival of United States Troops.

AGUINALDO'S FLAG FLYING.

Important Events Expected—Presumed That Gen. Otis Will Demand and Enforce Surrender of the Place to American Forces.

(By Telegraph to The Morning Star.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—A dispatch was received at the War Department from General Otis to-day informing the officials of the capture of Iloilo by the insurgents. It appears that the American forces, which were dispatched there arrived too late, and that the insurgents had added to the difficulty of the problems already presented by hoisting their flag over the city, which they have been besieging for months. The news was contained in the following message from General Otis:

"*Manila, Dec. 28, 1898.*—Adjutant General, Washington.—Sent Colonel Potter on fast vessel to Iloilo on December 24th, to communicate with Spanish General Rios, but the latter evacuated the evening of the 24th, and Potter was thirty-nine hours late. Insurgents took possession of the city on the 25th, and Potter found Aguinaldo's flag flying. Cannot now report the probable results; will not hear from there for four days, as there is no cable communication. Spanish forces have evacuated all stations in the southern islands except Zamboanga, Mindanao, by orders, as they say, from Madrid.

(Signed.) "OTIS."

Important Events Expected.

The evacuation by the Spaniards of all the Philippine ports as reported by General Otis, although doubtless inspired by a desire to secure their safety by concentration, undoubtedly has done much to complicate the problem already presented to the War Department of extending the military jurisdiction of the United States over the islands. It will now be necessary to expedite the execution of the original plans, and it may be fully expected that within a week important events will have happened in the Philippines. It is presumed that General Otis will demand the surrender of Iloilo into his hands and this demand may at once raise the issue between the insurgents and our own government of possession of the islands.

The province of Iloilo is set down in the official directories as having a population of 472,000 and it is the second seaport of importance in the Philippine group. It is located on a river navigable for vessels of fifteen feet draught, so that very few of our gunboats would be available to assist the troops in case it should be necessary to take forcible possession of the city.

Spaniards in Strong Position.

The Spaniards have chosen a strong place for the concentration of their troops in the town of Zamboanga, which, as the reports indicate here, is strongly fortified and possessed of considerable natural strength from a defensive point of view. It is not doubted that they will be able to maintain themselves for an indefinite period against the insurgents, presuming that they are not cut off from obtaining supplies from the sea. The town itself has a population of 21,000 inhabitants.

AFFAIRS IN MADRID.

Queen Regent and Gen. Weyler. Sagasta—Ministerial Crisis—Don Carlos Trying to Place a Loan.

MADRID, December 28.—The greatest interest and curiosity was taken to-day in the long audience which General Weyler had with the Queen regent yesterday.

The newspapers here, while sympathizing with Premier Sagasta, say the country cannot be sacrificed on account of his illness, and an immediate arrangement of the ministerial crisis is demanded.

The newspapers also say Don Carlos is now trying to place a loan in Spain, through numerous agents, adding that he opened negotiations yesterday in Madrid with this object in view.

Senor Sagasta, who has been suffering from pneumonia, is much better to-day and is now considered out of danger.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

A School House Tragedy—Young Teacher Lost Her Life.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SIOUX CITY, IA., Dec. 28.—A district school, about twelve miles from the village of Clare, was the scene of a tragedy this afternoon, whereby May Thomas, a popular young teacher, lost her life.

This afternoon a young man came to Clare on the north-bound Rock Island passenger, hired a horse and buggy and drove out to the school house, where Miss Thomas teaches. He entered the building and they conversed for some time, finally walking out together. After going down the road a short distance, the man drew a revolver and shot her, killing her almost instantly. He then shot himself and died a few hours later. The young man was not known at Clare, but it was learned that his name is Harry Garvey. He had been keeping company with Miss Thomas, who refused his further attentions.

TWELVE PERSONS INJURED.

Train Wrecked Near Trinidad, Colorado. Four Cars Burned Up.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

TRINIDAD, COLO., Dec. 28.—The eastbound California limited train No. 4 on the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad was wrecked 11 miles east of this city at 7 o'clock this morning.

The accident happend on a curve and it is supposed to have been caused by the spreading of rails. The engine, one Pullman and the dining car passed over all right. The observation car, two drawing-room sleepers, and a composite car left the track. The wreck immediately caught fire from an explosion of gas from the composite car and the entire four cars were burned up.

Those in the composite car are reported badly injured. No one killed but twelve persons were seriously injured.

Judge Nathan Goff states that he is not nor does not intend to become a candidate before the West Virginia Legislature for United States Senator.

REV. JUNIUS MOORE HORNER.

Consecration of the Episcopal Bishop of Asheville, N. C.—Church Dignitaries in Attendance.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., December 28.—The consecration of Rev. Junius Moore Horner, as Bishop of the missionary jurisdiction of Asheville, occurred at Trinity church, this city, this morning. The church, which was filled to its capacity, was handsomely decorated with Christmas evergreens.

Holy communion was celebrated at 7.30 o'clock and morning prayer at 9 o'clock. Consecration services proper began at 11 o'clock with the entrance of the officiating Bishops, jurisdictional and visiting clergymen, Rev. H. S. McDuffy, pastor of St. Matthies' church, Asheville, leading, bearing a gold cross.

The service was begun by Right Rev. Joseph Blount Cheshire, Jr., Bishop of North Carolina. The sermon was preached by Right Rev. Ellison Capers, D. D., Bishop of South Carolina. Bishop elect Horner was presented to Dr. Cheshire, the presiding Bishop, by Right. Rev. A. A. Watson, Bishop of East Carolina, and Right Rev. Robert A. Gibson, Bishop coadjutor, of Virginia, who conducted the examination. All the Bishops present laid hands upon the Bishop-elect, after which the presentation testimonials were read by Rev. Churchill Satterlee, of Morganton, N. C., and the order for consecration from the presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, in America, Bishop Williams, of Connecticut. After the delivery of the pastoral staff by the presiding Bishop the services were closed, when the holy communion was administered to the clergy and members of the congregation.

The following Bishops and clergymen were present: Right Rev. Joseph Blount Cheshire, Jr., Bishop of North Carolina; Right Rev. A. A. Watson, Bishop of East Carolina; Right Rev. Robert A. Gibson, Bishop coadjutor of Virginia, Rev. A. T. Porter, D. D., of Charleston, S. C., and a number of Slate and local clergymen.

THE SOUTH'S BATTLE ABBEY.

Appeal to the Ladies in the South to Assist in Raising Funds for the Memorial.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RICHMOND, VA., Dec. 28.—The executive committee of the Confederate Memorial Association, the members of which are charged with the duty of raising the necessary funds to secure the erection of the Battle Abbey in this city, met here to-day. Mr. Smith was present as the representative of Mr. Charles Broadway Rouss, who has promised to donate $100,000 to the erection of the Battle Abbey, provided a like amount is raised by the Southern people. The committee passed a resolution earnestly requesting the various Confederate societies of ladies in the South to organize for the purpose of raising funds to aid in the erection of the proposed memorial and to report the amounts to General Robert White, chairman of the committee, Wheeling, W. Va.

At a meeting, at the Confederate museum to-day, of the Confederate Memorial Literary Society, a letter was read from Mrs. Jefferson Davis, giving permission for the sale of Miss Winnie Davis' pictures at the museum. Accompanying this was a large package of negatives of photographs, etc. Mrs. George Ross turned over to the museum all the letters and telegrams of condolence sent to Mrs. Davis at the time of the death of the Daughter of the Confederacy.

CATTLE DEALER'S FAILURE.

The Indebtedness Will Amount to Over Two Hundred Thousand Dollars.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

KANSAS CITY, MO., December 28.—A special to the *Star* from Milan, Mo., says:

Much excitement prevails in this city over the failure of Walter M. Clark, a Sullivan county cattle dealer. Although his failure has been expected for nine years, the crisis has served as a shock to the whole country. The records of this county show, unsatisfied, over $83,000 of mortgages on cattle alone, while deeds of trust on his big farms and individual indebtedness will swell the total to over $200,000.

A SWISS AVALANCHE.

Hotel and Other Buildings Completely Destroyed—Three Dead Bodies Found.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, December 28.—Part of Red Rock mountain, according to a dispatch from Airolo (a village of Switzerland, Canton of Ticino), has fallen into Airolo, destroying a hotel and several houses. The scene of the disaster presents a terrible spectacle, the debris of the avalanche covering a square mile. The hotel, with eight houses and 12 other buildings was swept into a great heap of matchwood. A new terror was added by the outbreak of fire amid the ruins.

Three dead bodies have been recovered. It is estimated that the damage will reach 40,000 pounds.

SEABOARD AIR LINE.

General Passenger Agent Anderson to Retire—His Successor.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ATLANTA, GA., Dec. 28.—Mr. T. J. Anderson, general passenger agent of the Seaboard Air Line, with headquarters at Portsmouth, Va., will be succeeded January 1st by L. S. Allen, general agent of the same company at Washington. Mr. Anderson, it is understood here, will go to New Orleans, but with what company he will be associated is not known.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

Tone Continues Strong and Upward Tendency in Prices Unchecked.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The general demand for cotton goods was quiet to-day, with buyers confining their attention to imperative requirements until after the New Year. The tone contiuues quite strong and the upward tendency in prices unchecked. Print cloths are very strong with wide odds at 3½ for 38½-inch, 64 squares, and at 3½ for 39-inch, 68 by 72. There was no business in regulars.

The police of San Jose, Cal., place little credence in the report that James Dunham, the murderer, is arrested in Columbus, Ohio. It is believed that Dunham killed himself on the night of his atrocious crime in May, 1896.

A MINISTER MISSING.

Rev. Wm. Aken Kelly, of the South Carolina Conference—Disappeared in Charleston.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 28.—The Rev. Wm. Aken Kelly, a young minister who was recently admitted to the Methodist Conference of this State, has been missing for over a week and his friends are very anxious about him. He has a church in Sumter, S. C. Ten days ago he came to this city, accompanied by his wife and child, to spend the Christmas holidays with friends. The Sunday before Christmas he preached an excellent sermon at Bethel Church. On the following Tuesday he made an appointment in the morning to meet his wife and some friends at a point near the city. He then left the house at which he was staying and has not been seen since. His wife says that he had worked very hard preparing for his examination at the Conference of his Church and she thinks that his mind gave way under the strain and that he has wandered away. She does not fear foul play but she is afraid that he is ill somewhere and unable to communicate with his friends. Once before, after a period of hard study, the young minister left home and was not heard of for four days. He came to himself then in Augusta, Ga. The Rev. Mr. Kelly is about twenty-six years of age. His father was for years city assessor of this city and he and his family are widely known and popular in South Carolina.

SAILED FOR PORTSMOUTH.

Gunboats Alvarado and Sandoval—Lieuts. Blue and Anderson in Command.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NORFOLK, VA., December 28.—The gunboats Alvarado and Sandoval, captured from Spain during the late war, have completed coaling here and sailed for Portsmouth, N. H. The former, commanded by Lieut. Victor Blue, left last night, and the latter, under command of Lieut. Anderson, left to-day.

CASHIER ARRESTED.

Charged With Misappropriating Funds of a Nashua Bank.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NASHUA, N. H., December 28.—H. F. Bailey, cashier of the Colebrook National Bank of Colebrook, was arrested to-day charged with the misappropriation of the funds of the bank. The shortage is placed at $60,000. Bailey will be arraigned at Lancaster to-morrow.

WARM WIRELETS.

The Georgia Central Railroad has offered to donate three hundred acres of land adjacent to Fort McPherson as a site for the new Federal prison.

Justice Smythe, in the New York Supreme Court, adjourned until next Wednesday the hearing of the application for a certificate of reasonable doubt in the case of W. A. E. Moore, convicted of "badgering" Martin Mahon.

The Fourth Army Corps headquarters which has been in Huntsville, will be removed to Birmingham, Ala., and General R. T. Frank will command the entire corps, succeeding General Lawton, who has been ordered to report to General Otis at Manila.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

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Yes! I have a nice Turkey or Goose that will suit you at a very reasonable price. Come and make your selection or call either 'Phone No. 39. I will serve you to your entire satisfaction. H. J. Bierman, 215 Market street. de 22 tf

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Hayden, P. H., has in stock Buggies, Road Carts and Harness of all kinds. Repairing done by skillful workmen on short notice. Opposite new Court House. no 25 tf

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